



I am a strong supporter of mass transit systems, including light rail, commuter rail and bus service. Investments in transit provide Minnesota families with transportation options, create jobs and strengthen the competitiveness of our economy. Transit also reduces highway congestion, energy consumption and negative environmental impacts.

Some voices in Congress are demanding that the federal government simply "stop spending," which would have the effect of ending investment in transit projects and other critical infrastructure. Without federal partnership, our community would not be able to build or maintain the infrastructure upon which our economy depends. The result would be lost jobs and reduced economic competitiveness. This is absolutely the wrong direction for the United States. In a time when the governments of China, India, Europe and Brazil are investing billions of dollars to construct advanced infrastructure, America cannot afford to walk away from the needs of our communities.

You can count on me to continue working to develop a comprehensive transit system. In Minnesota, this includes the [Central Corridor](#) light rail project and the restoration of [St. Paul's Union Depot](#) for use as the multimodal hub for the Upper Midwest. I will continue collaborating with state and local officials to secure federal funding for these projects as a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

### **Press Releases:**

[January 25, 2011 -- Congresswoman McCollum: I Am Committed to Helping President Obama and America Succeed](#)

[December 16, 2010 -- Robert Street Transit Corridor Awarded \\$1.18 Million Federal Grant](#)

[November 18, 2010 -- Congresswoman McCollum Statement on 2011 Federal Funding for the Central Corridor LRT](#)

[October 26, 2010 -- Union Depot project receives \\$40 million more from federal government](#)

[October 25, 2010 -- Department of Transportation Awards Union Depot \\$40,000,000 Grant](#)

[October 8, 2010 -- U.S. House Republicans, Boehner and Kline, Call for Eliminating \\$45 million in Federal Funds to Central Corridor](#)

### **Statements:**

[January 18, 2011 -- Congresswoman McCollum's Remarks at the Union Depot Groundbreaking](#)

[December 22, 2010 -- Congresswoman McCollum's Statement on Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011, H.R. 3082](#)

### **Betty in the News:**

[January 19, 2011 -- St. Paul's Union Depot: Silent now, but soon ...](#)

[January 19, 2011 -- Transportation hub project under way in St. Paul](#)

[January 19, 2011 -- Robert Street mass transit gets study money](#)

[December 16, 2010 -- Dakota County agency awarded \\$1.18M federal grant to study potential Robert Street Corridor](#)